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FOREWORD

Although it was intended to publish this booklet in July, publication has been delayed due to various difficulties, particularly the scarcity of newsprint.

The primary aim of this publication is to enable the Burmese people to appreciate the true situation as regards the Korean affair and the problems of world peace, and to emphasize the importance of the struggle for everlasting world peace.

"May there be everlasting world peace."

Aung Lin

INTRODUCTION

The booklet entitled The Korean Affair and World Peace by Comrade Aung Lin will prove to be indispensable to the Burmese people in evaluating the current affairs of the world. The contents of this booklet, the discussions and the comments, emanate from the convictions of the writer.

The presentation of the Korean affair by the foreign embassies and the various newspapers in English and Burmese is deliberately distorted. Another important issue is the decision of the Burmese Government, in which it declares: "...Being aware of the unhappy circumstances existing between the North and South Korean Governments, the Government of Burma has invariably supported the arbitrations of the United Nations to arrive at peaceful settlement. These circumstances have, however, developed into an armed conflict resulting in the invasion of South Korea by North Korea..."

"As the Union of Burma is a member of the United Nations, and as she believes in solving disputes by conciliatory methods, she has only to support the present action of the Security Council in connection with South Korea... (The real fact is that it was South Korea which provoked the conflict. This fact has been concealed. Can it be true that conciliatory methods are being followed when American forces are attacking the Korean

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people?) "...The Union of Burma hopes that the present armed conflict will subside into peaceful settlement through mediation and mutual understanding..." (This hope only encourages the imperialistic designs of the United States Government which has never considered conciliatory methods to settle this dispute, but has waged this war with threats of atomic warfare.) "...The Government of Burma wishes to announce that Burma's support of the Security Council's decision regarding the Korean affair does not in any way affect the foreign policy of the government to maintain friendly relations with all countries..." (How can we say that we are maintaining friendly relations with Russia and the People's Republic of China when we are supporting the decision of the Security Council in which those two countries were not represented?)

It is therefore clear that the Burmese Government has renounced its declared policy of maintaining friendly relations with all countries. In other words it has violated its neutrality policy. This neutrality policy is to cover up its support of American imperialism. Although on paper it is denouncing both parties engaged in war, it is evident that the Burmese Government is, in practice, encouraging the militarist policy of the United States.

Thus the Burmese Government's decision, in effect, supports a world conflict.

This neutrality policy is a product of the false ideology known as the Third Force. This Third Force is becoming popular nowadays. It includes (1) The International Socialist Party (including socialists from the western democracies and Social Democrats); (2) Titoism (the so-called ultra-nationalistic communists); (3) Pacifists (Gandhi's policy, led by Nehru). These groups denounce both the Soviets and the Americans. In practice, this Third Force is giving its wholehearted support to world reaction in the struggle between world peace and democracy, and world reaction and militarists. Therefore the Third Force does not exist in

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reality. As such, Burma by its declared policy is a follower of Nehru's pacifist group or a member of the neutrality policy^{group}. Let us therefore examine whether she can maintain the neutrality policy on practical grounds.

The Korean problem is merely a domestic affair. It is to be solved by the peoples of Korea. This fact is accepted by the Burmese people. It is obvious that the United States militarist government is intervening in affairs which concern only North Korea, South Korea, and the Korean nation as a whole. This militarist government has intervened in the Korean affair without the prior sanction of the United Nations Security Council, which is dominated by the United States.

The declaration that it had obtained the sanction of the Security Council in its political and military intervention is a flagrant lie.

The real fact is that on 27 June, before the Security Council met with regard to the Korean affair, the American government had already launched its attack and thereby violated the United Nations Charter.

Article 27 of the United Nations Charter states that all decisions on major problems by the Security Council shall be made by an affirmative vote of seven members, including the concurring vote of the Soviet Union, United States, Great Britain, France, and China. But the decision for the American armed intervention was adopted by only six votes. These votes were cast⁺ by the United States, Great Britain, France, Norway, Cuba and Ecuador. This group accepted the vote of the Kuomintang government illegally represented at the Security Council. Furthermore, at the Security Council meeting on 27 June, the United States, Britain, and France, only three out of the five permanent members, attended the meeting. The Soviet Union and China did not attend the meeting because the American government refused to give a place to the representative of the legally-constituted People's Republic of China. The Soviet Union which stood for justice absented itself.

Therefore, the decision of the 27 June meeting of the Security Council was not in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter. In fact, it violated those provisions.

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One more obvious fact is that the United Nations Charter provides for action by the Security Council to promote international peace and security, not to intervene in the domestic affairs of a country. Furthermore, the Charter prohibits intervention by the United Nations in any dispute between any two parties in a country. The decision of the Security Council engineered by the United States has thus turned the Council into an instrument to further American imperialism instead of fulfilling its true function of promoting international peace and security. Therefore the decision is illegal and violates peace.

Consequently the Burmese government's support of the decision of the United Nations Security Council negates its declared policy of neutrality, or that of maintaining friendly relations with all countries. It also brings to the surface the true character of the Third Force which rejects Soviet leadership and encourages American imperialism.

Hence my conclusion to the introduction to this little booklet is this: The Korean peoples' struggle against fascist expansionist forces is to regain their freedom from slavery and from political domination. In other words it is a struggle for permanent peace in the world and for people's democracy.

People's democracy and Permanent Peace forces led by the Soviet Union are trying to avert a third world war which would otherwise have already been brought about by world reaction.

The whole of the Burmese nation must therefore give its support to the peace movement led by the Soviet Union and try to achieve an effective peace.

We must therefore demand that the United States immediately stop its military intervention and withdraw its forces from Korea at the earliest date.

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THE KOREAN AFFAIR AND WORLD PEACE

The war in which the Koreans are now engaged against the American Fascists and their own disloyal nationals is indeed a war for permanent world peace and democracy. It has to be fought to drive out the American forces and to re-establish the Korean national independence. Now the American Fascists have violated the truce and how they are now attempting to destroy world peace by bringing about World War III can be seen from the following:

EIGHT PROVISIONS OF THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

(1) No territorial expansion, (2) No territorial changes in any country without the consent of the people concerned, (3) Recognition of a people's right to elect their own government, (4) Equal distribution of raw materials, (5) Closer cooperation for the advancement of economic and social conditions of a country, (6) Freedom from want and fear by maintaining peace, (7) Free access and passage of the seas, (8) Renunciation of force and aggression, and reduction of armament. (This Charter was agreed upon and announced by Roosevelt and Churchill from a ship in the North Atlantic Ocean on 14 August 1941).

The Korean incident clearly shows how the American expansionist is erasing with his feet every clause of the agreement signed by his own hand.

"...The People's armed forces in Burma, Malay, South Korea, and some provinces in India and Indonesia are valiantly fighting for political freedom and national independence...As has been proved by experience in China, the best method of establishing national independence is to oust the expansionists by armed resistance. This method weakens imperialism and strengthens the peace forces. The expansionists cannot unleash a war against the peace and democracy party unless and until they have totally suppressed the national independence movements in their colonies. That is why people like Churchill and Truman, in their preparation for world war, have to first suppress the democratic campaigns and nationalist

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movements in the colonies. The expansionist aggressors are therefore waging a war on a very wide front from South Korea to Indonesia...

It is now nearly two years that the British expansionist has been fighting in Burma, ^{Malaya} and other colonies. Mr. Churchill made a candid statement in Parliament on 9 May that the Laborites have been shedding more blood ^{during the past 5 years} in their suppression of the natives in the British empire than they have done in their struggle against Hitler's facism. In these situations the struggle of the peoples of colonies and dependencies against imperialists is a very important factor in the overall picture of worldwide struggle of the proletariats against the Anglo-American militarists. The victories of nationalist movements are the triumphs for the forces of world peace. The successes of national independence forces are indeed the successes of peace and democracy forces. Permanent committees in the police states of India, Indonesia, South Korea, Indo-China, Burma, and ~~Malaya~~ are now collecting signatures of the peoples. This movement is more pronounced and important in those countries which have already freed themselves from the expansionist yoke." (Excerpt from Cominform Journal, 17 May 1950.)

The Peoples' resistance in Korea against the Anglo-American expansionists is in fact aimed at establishing permanent world peace. It is also democratic revolutionary war waged to regain national independence.

On 8 September 1945, after the surrender of Japan, Korea was divided into two parts, the 38th parallel being the boundary line. The southern part was controlled by the United States and the northern part by the Soviet government.

(a) This was a temporary arrangement. (b) The reasons for such division were: (1) To disarm the Japanese Incists; (2) to heal the wounds of Korea inflicted by the Japanese Fascists during their occupation; (3) to help the Koreans establish a democratic government; (4) to actually form a democratic government for Korea; and (5) to withdraw Soviet and American forces from Korea at the earliest date. To carry

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out this program a Soviet-American Joint Commission was formed in Seoul.

At the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow in December 1945, the Big Four powers—Soviet Russia, the United States, Britain, and China—agreed to recognize the independence of Korea. In September 1947, Soviet Russia suggested that foreign armies be withdrawn from Korea by the beginning of 1948 and that the Koreans be allowed to form their own national government. The United States rejected this proposal. Soviet Russia, however, carried out its own proposal, and by 1 January 1949, all the Russian forces were withdrawn from Korea. It also kept the promise it made during its occupation of the country by removing the last vestige of Japanese fascist practices and precedents, reconstructing and rehabilitating the country, forming the Korean Republic with its parliament elected by the Koreans, and, lastly, turning North Korea into a free and independent country.

The American militarists, on the other hand, had not only failed to withdraw their forces from Korea but also tried to bring about World War III by starting an aggressive war on the Korean people.

EXPANSIONIST ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA

The newspapers in favor of Anglo-American expansionism reported that in the present Korean crisis, Soviet Russia is siding with the North Koreans and the United States is helping the South Koreans. The real fact of the case is that the United States expansionists have set up a puppet government in South Korea with the help of the American army of occupation. If it is asserted that Russia has enslaved North Korea in the same manner as the United States has done to South Korea, nothing could be further from the truth. The truth is that Soviet Russia is maintaining friendship with North Korea on equal footing in accordance with the Soviet-Korea economic and cultural agreement. In South Korea, however, the American expansionists have not withdrawn their armies; they have set up a puppet government which runs counter to the aspirations and benefits

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of the Korean people. They have ruled the country with such oppression that starvation and rebellion became inevitable. Therefore the United States is solely responsible for this outbreak of war because it has divided Korea into two parts, North Korea as a free republic and South Korea as a colony. This fact is now disclosed by the present armed revolution of Korean people. Therefore, those newspapers which ~~said~~ that North Korea ~~was~~ subject to the Russian rule in the same manner that South Korea ~~was~~ under American expansionist domination, only attempted to cover up the overt aggression of American militarists by bringing Soviet Russia into the news.

THE THIRD FORCE

The pro-Anglo-American expansionist newspapers ~~said~~ that since both American imperialism and Soviet Russia are undesirable, a person should stay neutral in this conflict. This is actually maligning Soviet Russia which has been striving to restore freedom and equality to the masses of the world. This kind of writing is deliberately designed to keep people from giving support to Soviet Russia. By maligning Russia these newspapers are supporting their masters, the Anglo-American expansionists. Are we going to follow the Party of World Peace, Democracy, Socialism, and Revolution led by Soviet Russia, which is working for the benefit of the peoples of the world? Or are we to side with the Party of World War and Fascism led by Anglo-American expansionists whose ideas will lead to the destruction of millions of lives? Faced with these two crucial questions, those who say that we should remain neutral by following the Third Course are the most cunning and pretentious servants of the expansionists. As they cannot openly support their expansionist masters, they resort to this kind of underhand trick. In reality, any person who is sincere, honest, and unrelentingly righteous is bound to rebel against the tyranny of the Anglo-American expansionists. Nobody can remain untouched by the sorrowful plight of the oppressed people of Korea.

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That is why it is impossible to give individual support to the Korean struggle for national independence by opposing the tyranny of Anglo-Americans. Nor is it possible to remain neutral by supporting the Third Course. The only course to follow, therefore, is to support the Party of Democracy, Socialism, and Revolution, led by Soviet Russia.

In Burma we now have Third Course followers who try to deceive the people and covertly serve the purpose of Anglo-American expansionists. Among the Third Course followers is Thein Pe Myint (Tet Phongyi), whose strategy is so subtle that it cannot be easily detected by a casual observer. In the conclusion of his booklet entitled Korean-American Conflict, he writes:

"Therefore, the question is not whether ^{Burma} one should support Soviet Russia or the US, but whether ~~one~~ ^{the} ~~would~~ ^{should} side with the Korean people in their struggle for national independence or support the idea that they should remain in serfdom.

"Also the question is not whether ^{Burma} ~~one~~ ^{the} should side with Anglo-American or Soviet Russia in case of a world war. The question is whether ~~one~~ ^{the} should wait until American intervention ^{in Korea} develops into world conflagration, or object to American intervention so as to avert a world war and thus preserve peace.

"The answer is obvious.

"It is to the effect that every Burman would side with the Korean people's struggle for independence and support the action to stop world conflagration." (Korean-American Conflict, pp. 20-21)

According to the above statements, ~~it might be construed that~~ ^{imply that} (a) both the United States and Soviet Russia have nothing to do with the national independence of the Korean people; ^{overlook and conceal the close connection that} (b) the Korean struggle for independence has ^{with} ~~a direct bearing upon~~ the movement of Permanent World Peace, World Democracy, Socialism, and Revolution now led by the able leader, Soviet Russia; ~~this statement thereby tried to cover up the important connection;~~ ^{forget and conceal} (c) ~~that the newspapers have forgotten their responsibility of exposing~~ the American expansionist oppression of the Korean people.

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By rephrasing the above statement² by Tetphongyi Thein Pe Myint, so subtly composed that any casual reader might miss the Third Course neutrality policy he is preaching, his idea may be set down as thus:

"Therefore, the question is not whether ^{Burma} ~~one~~ should support Soviet Russia. It is whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should side with the Korean people in their struggle for independence." (This is a rejection or ignoring of Soviet Russia's leadership of the small nations.)

"Also the question is not whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should side with the United States. It is whether one would rather see the Koreans in serfdom. (This is an attempt to conceal the fact that the Koreans have been enslaved by the Americans.)

"The question is not whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should side with Soviet Russia, but whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should safeguard peace in case of world war." (This is to reject Soviet Russia's leadership in safeguarding world peace.)

"The question is not whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should side with Soviet Russia in case of a world war but whether ~~one~~ ^{she} should wait until American intervention develops into world conflagration, or by objecting to that intervention avert a world war." (This also rejects the leadership of Soviet Russia which is opposing the aggression of Anglo-American expansionists.)

"The answer is obvious. It will mean that every Burman would side with the Korean people's struggle for independence and support action to stop the world conflagration." (This also rejects the leadership of Soviet Russia which is championing the independence of small nations and deterring the world conflagration.)

It has been openly declared by great leaders of world Communism such as Maurice Thorez and Togliatti that in case of a Third World War, their Party and their peoples will side with the anti-expansionist movement of the world under the leadership of Soviet Union, and fight against the Anglo-American imperialists. As for Tetphongyi Thein Pe Myint, he has totally given up honest frankness, the hallmark of the truth-lovers.

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The Third Course Neutrality Policy follows two courses: (1) denunciation of both the Soviet Union and the United States and (2) underrating and ignoring the revolutionary might of the Soviet Army which was displayed during World War II. These Neutral Third Course followers are the most dangerous of all because they are really the disguised servants of Anglo-American expansionists. That is why the Cominform has issued a warning that we must fight most vigorously against these Third Course Neutrality followers now led by Tito. In Burma, it is the responsibility of every honest and brave person to fight with vigor against Tetphongyi Thein's Third Course policy.

WHO DISMEMBERED KOREA?

Thus (a) this statement is only the deceitful propaganda of the servants of Anglo-American expansionists. (b) Relations between Soviet Russia and North Korea are on the basis of racial equality and mutual assistance in accordance with the Soviet-Korea Economic and Cultural Agreement. (c) Soviet Russia is, in fact, violently objecting to the colonization of South Korea by American expansionists because this practice of colonizing a small nation can lead to the outbreak of world war which will destroy world peace. (d) The present Korean affair, is actually a war against American expansionism, which is responsible for the dismemberment of Korea, and its division into two parts, the free North Korea and the colonized South Korea. It is a war for the unification of the whole of Korea, for its independence, and for the withdrawal of American forces from Korea. It is therefore an undeniable fact that the real culprit who is destroying the unification of Korea is the atomaniacal American Fascist devils.

Our irrefutable finding is this: The Koreans are not demented people giving up their lives in rebellion under a just constitution fully guaranteeing people's freedom; that such a small country should be driven to rebel against the mightiest expansionist country in the world must be for the obvious reason that the atom-crazy American Fascist devils have been

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treating them with utter disregard for law; the Korean rebels' victories disclose the fact that the big, bragging bully, the American expansionist devil, posing as the mightiest nation in the world, is in reality a weakling; that no war except a revolutionary war can be triumphant; ^{that} however, the reactionary powers try to crush the revolutionary powers they can never be successful; the American defeats in Korea show that the Peoples of the World have not ^{prevented} ~~allowed~~ the US ^{from making} ~~to make~~ military preparations; prior to this war ~~and~~ if the one-sided decision of the United Nations Security Council engineered by the Americans were to gain ground, then it would encourage the American Fascists to go further with their endeavors to bring about a world war. (The ^{so-called majority} decision of the United Nations Security Council ^{was} in fact, is the decision of the ^{American pharisees} majority under American influence.)

The American expansionists have turned South Korea into a colony and crippled its economic and political growth. This action alienated the Korean public who now hate the Americans with all their hearts. The Americans' suicidal ^{plan} ~~action~~ was designed to create such conditions in Korea as ^{would} ~~will~~ surely lead to its defeat, and then to launch an undeclared war on the Korean people. The United States has shamed itself in the eyes of the whole world. The Korea-American war stands as evidence to the fact that the Fascist war, ^{the} atomic war, cannot quell the People's war but that it is the latter which has crushed the atomic bomb.

At present, the American Fascists, who ^{have} ~~has~~ built up aggressive, military bases all over the world, especially in South Korea and Japan, are violating each and every clause of the eight-point Atlantic Charter. For these demented Americans who have been traitors to themselves, there is no remedy but the graveyard. This is amply proved by the victories of the Korean national struggle. It also indicates with certainty that the Korean War of Independence is the forerunner of the Japanese struggle for independence from the domination of the American militarist devils.

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GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

The present war in Korea is: (1) a war of democratic revolution for national independence and for the withdrawal of American forces from Korea; (2) a war of armed resistance and rebellion, as being the most effective way to counter the attempts of American expansionists to bring about World War III; (3) a war against American expansionism and initial war for world peace, just as the American undeclared war on Korea is the forerunner of an undeclared war by the US on the entire world; (4) a war to debunk the bragging of atomical militarists and to shame the American expansionists in the eyes of the world; (5) a war to disclose the impotency of expansionist atomic warfare against the solidarity of the peoples' strength; (6) a war to open the eyes of those countries, especially Japan, who are under American domination; (7) a war of impetus and stimulus to democratic movements for national independence; (8) a war to reveal Korea as a full member in the Party of World Peace, Democracy, and Socialism; (9) a war to cripple the reactionary Party of World War and Fascist Expansionism led by the atom crazy American Fascists; (10) a war in which the sound of the Korean people's guns resisting America is also the war cry of freedom for other colonies and dependencies; (11) a war of proof that a People's war cannot be overcome by any other war, and that the atomic war will certainly be crushed

and the Democratic war

World peace committees, laborers, farmers, students, and like masses and organizations have the following duties:

(1) ~~We must and we will~~ ^{We} give our wholehearted support to the Korean war of National Independence and Resistance to the United States because it is the rightful struggle of the Korean people against the violence of American aggressors who are foiling the attempts of the Koreans to set up a prosperous, unified, self-determined, and independent country of their own.

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(2) ~~We~~ ^{We} demand that all the American expansionist forces and other foreign military forces be withdrawn from Korea immediately.

(3) ~~We~~ ^{We} demand that the United States give up its monopolist control either in direct or indirect manner over Korea.

(4) We wholeheartedly support the Korean revolution because it marks a new foundation for the construction of world peace by opposing the Americans and establishing national independence.

(5) We strongly denounce and object to the ^{Korean} decision made by the Security Council, attended only by pro-American expansionist countries and not by the Soviet representatives or the representatives of the Peoples' Republic of China, because that decision sanctions the indiscriminate slaughter of Koreans by American expansionists.

(6) We declare that the Korean commission appointed by the United Nations Security Council to suppress the independence movement of the Koreans is illegal.

(7) ~~We~~ ^{We} object to the present suppression of ^{the} Korean independence movement by the United States, England, Australia and other expansionist countries which are employing their army, navy, and air forces in the name of the United Nations.

(8) [?] We do not deem the United Nations Security Council a legally-constituted organization because the Peoples' Republic of China is not represented in that council.

(9) ~~We conclude~~ ^{We declare} that the Security Council has been controlled in such a way that only those who support the Americans are able to vote. Therefore, the decision made by that Council is backed by the majority of the members who are mere puppets of the United States. To support such a decision means to open the way to the outbreak of World War III, which is diametrically opposed to the desires and benefits of the people.

(10) In the question of supporting either the Party of Permanent World Peace, Democracy, Socialism, and Revolution, led by the Soviet Union, or the Party of Reactionary Anglo-American Militarism, and Fascist

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expansionism, those wearing the cloak of democracy and surreptitiously supporting the Anglo-American expansionism are the most dangerous people. We are therefore determined to fight with greatest violence and vigilance the Third Course Titoism, particularly the Neutral Third Course Policy of Thain Pe Myint in Burma.

(11) We denounce and object to the threat of Anglo-American expansionist fascist devils to use the atomic bomb on Korea in order to crush the Korean national independence movement.

Let us fight against world reactionary forces of militarism, and fascist expansionism led by the British and American expansionists.

Let us give our wholehearted support to the Korean War of National Independence now waged against the atom-bomb-happy American fascists so that permanent world peace may be established.

Long live the Party of World Peace, Democracy, Socialism, and Revolution under the leadership of Soviet Russia!

Dated 13 July 1950

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